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Friday, January 25, 1952

I stopped at Neuville's this morning and paid them twenty-five thousand francs for an attractive Louis XVI period bronze bust of Benjamin Franklin.

Spent a couple of hours at the office on European Army matters, then saw Jimmy Riddleberger, followed by Harold Callender.

We had a lunch today for Mrs. Roosevelt and the following people:

M. Pierre Brisson
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Porter
President and Madame Georges Bidault
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thayer
Senator Cooper
Prefect of the Seine & Madame Haag
Mrs. Griselda Forbes
Mrs. David Nes
Mr. Norman Armour, Jr.

Spencer Phenix came in to see me this afternoon. He is here for the National Committee for Free Europe.

I was too occupied to go to the Steering Committee meeting of the EDF this afternoon, but those of our staff who attended said things went very well.

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Jean Monnet stopped at the house to see me tonight. He has just been on a short vacation in Switzerland, and is full of health and plans.

We had dinner tonight at the Elysée Palace with the Koscziuskos. It was [redacted] Minister and Madame Mitterand, Jean Rigaud, the famous singer, the Roland de Margeries and Paul-Louis Weiller were there. The Koscziuskos have [redacted] attractive modern paintings, and their apartment is charming.

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